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WE WANT MORE AUSTRALIANS.

I disagree with the attitude of Donald C. Sutherland as expressed in his statement, "Pools made Soccer in England," with its inference that English pools based on our results would do the same for Soccer in Australia. He does not, and could not, show how the influence of the English gambling public could benefit the game here.

Mr. Sutherland, like many others, is forgetting that the progress of Soccer in Australia does not depend upon people in any other country but Australia. If the game is to expand it must capture the Australian public and Australian players.

To the outsider here, Soccer is regarded as a foreigner's game, a view that is justified by the large number of senior players who do not regard themselves primarily as Australians. There are far too few Australian-born and bred who have been attracted to the game by its merits, and by the hospitality of clubs. It should be a definite Association instruction to all clubs that Australian boys and youths must be sought and welcomed into clubs, for Soccer can hardly progress if it is left to the sons of Englishmen, Scots, Italians, Balts, etc., to make up its numbers in the years to come.

It seems a strange plea to make, this of capturing the Australian, but it is an essential act that Australian Soccer must perform. There are too many unconsciously homesick men in the game; too many who have left their homelands and become more intensely nationalistic and exclusive here.

The 3rd Division is a good example of this. Of eleven clubs, there is only one whose members are all Australian-born and bred, and these men confess that they find the belligerant nationalisms, the strange tongues and accents flying about their ears, and the superior attitudes which various teams adopt—strange and a little amusing, but rather wearing on the whole. Of all of these teams in the 3rd Division it is significant that only two are fostering junior players. A little preaching from the Association seems needed.

Another thing which is actually striking at the heart of football is the amount of argument about decisions which referees allow and in which some even participate. Arguing with the man in white is a cardinal sin in Australian Rules, as it is in cricket, and sets the stamp of bad sportsmanship on the one-eyed and self-centred players who indulge in the habit. It is far too prevalent in Soccer.

I would also make a plea for a better editing of club reports in "Soccer News." Many of these reports are poorly written, too long and lack general interest. Many reporters, too, are quite biassed, and are unfair to their opponents, which, of course, is poor sportsmanship. I suggest that these reports be restricted to facts and that a competent writer be assigned to convert them into a series of paragraphs.

N. GILL.

PROSPECTS FOR TO-DAY.

The First Division programme this afternoon appears to be full of interesting contests, particularly Prahran and Brighton, at Como Park. Brighton are undoubtedly in the box seat for divisional championship honours, and from all appearances, Prahran to-day, will be facing a very hard task. Prahran, with Box Hill, are level on points in second place, but both teams are six points behind the leaders, so even if Prahran did happen to defeat the leaders to-day, it should not unduly worry Brighton.

Box Hill's home game against South Yarra should also prove an attractive fixture, particularly as South Yarra have shown improved form in recent games. Their defeat of Moreland last week was no mean achievement, and if the Hillmen are not at full strength Yarra should win.

Park Rangers and Sunshine United will meet at Sunshine Park, and although Sunshine was successful against Box Hill last week, they will find the young Rangers' combinations a much tougher proposition, for, unlike Box Hill, Park Rangers is expected to have their team at full strength.

Yallourn will be at home against Bradford, and will find the going hard. Yallourn, with a win could escape from the relegation zone, but Bradford's fine effort in playing Park Rangers to a draw last Saturday, does not suggest that they will be beaten by a team so far down on the list.

The remaining first division contest is between Moreland and Western Suburbs at Campbell Reserve. Western Suburbs, at the bottom of the ladder, are fighting on, and although a win would not allow their escape from the danger zone, it would improve their prospects of bettering themselves before the league rounds are completed.

Ringwood, at home against University, and Yarraville, at home against Sandringham City, should prove the highlights of the second division. Although Ringwood was beaten by Hakoah last Saturday, their best was not shown, and if at their top to-day, they should account for "the shop" team.

Yarraville's good performance in beating University last week, should lend enthusiasm to its players in their encounter with the division leaders, Sandringham, to-day, but, on form, Sandringham should continue on its winning way.

The Olympic Park fixture will be between Heidelberg and South Melbourne United, and although Heidelberg had a comfortable runaway victory against Olympic last week, they will find South a different proposition.

Of the other games, Preston should account for Olympic, and Hakoah should have no trouble against Williamstown.

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LEAGUE TABLES.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
First Division.							
Brighton	12	10	0	2	42	13	[illegible]
Box Hill	13	7	4	2	37	33	[illegible]
Prahran	13	8	5	0	39	35	16
Park Rangers	13	6	4	3	31	19	15
Moreland	13	7	5	1	44	33	15
Bradford	12	5	4	3	24	21	13
South Yarra	13	4	6	3	27	31	11
Sunshine	13	4	9	0	32	43	8
Yallourn	13	3	9	1	29	49	7
West. Subs.	13	2	10	1	21	49	5
Second Division.							
Sandringham	13	12	0	1	40	12	25
Sth. Melb.	13	10	2	1	50	15	21
Hakoah	13	9	4	0	56	24	18
Ringwood	13	8	5	0	22	22	16
University	13	6	6	1	32	26	13
Heidelberg	13	5	7	1	22	29	11
Preston	13	2	6	5	23	30	9
Yarraville	13	2	8	3	22	35	7
Olympic	13	2	9	2	13	56	6
W'town	13	1	10	2	17	48	4
Third Division.							
Juventus	12	12	0	0	61	8	2[illegible]
George Cross	12	11	1	0	48	9	22
Fifers	12	8	3	1	33	22	17
Northcote	13	6	6	1	36	32	13
Woodlands	12	5	6	1	18	21	11
Y.C.W.M.	10	5	5	0	29	19	10
Macedonians	12	5	7	0	16	32	10
Metters	11	4	7	0	23	47	8
Box Hill	8	3	5	0	6	27	6
Brighton	12	2	9	1	37	59	5
Woodlands A	12	1	11	0	6	44	2
First Division Reserves.							
Park Rangers	13	12	1	0	51	9	24
Brighton	13	12	1	0	74	14	24
Prahran	13	10	3	0	47	24	20
Box Hill	13	8	5	0	40	30	16
South Yarra	13	6	5	2	38	34	14
Yallourn	13	6	6	1	25	32	13
Bradford	13	2	7	4	19	32	8
Sunshine	12	1	9	2	8	62	4

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
					Goals		
Moreland	13	1	11	1	14	41	3
West. Subs.	12	1	11	0	18	56	2
Second Division Reserves.							
Sandringham	13	12	1	0	46	10	24
Hakoah	12	11	1	0	50	7	22
Sth. Melb.	12	9	2	1	45	16	19
Preston	13	8	5	0	39	24	16
Ringwood	13	5	7	1	31	31	11
Heidelberg	13	5	7	1	23	37	11
Olympic	13	4	7	2	14	29	10
W'town	13	3	9	1	28	36	7
Yarraville	13	3	10	0	9	64	6
University	13	1	12	0	8	39	2

JUNIOR LEAGUE LADDERS.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Under 19 Division.							
Yallourn	13	12	1	0	37	12	24
Preston	13	10	2	1	36	13	21
Box Hill	12	9	1	2	19	8	20
West. Subs.	13	7	3	3	29	20	17
Brighton	13	6	6	1	13	23	13
South Yarra	13	6	7	0	10	31	12
Hakoah	12	5	7	0	10	17	10
Park Rangers	13	4	8	1	11	41	9
Under 17 Division.							
S. Meld. Utd.	13	13	0	0	72	6	26
Preston	13	10	2	1	46	22	21
Sunshine	13	8	2	3	22	10	19
Coburg	13	6	5	2	25	16	14
Metters	13	5	6	2	31	37	12
Bradford *	12	6	6	0	13	30	12
Sand'ham *	11	5	5	1	21	20	11
Brighton	13	5	7	1	15	33	11
Park Rangers	12	5	6	1	12	38	11
Ringwood *	11	4	6	1	7	17	9
Northcote *	11	1	10	0	4	39	2

* Results not to hand.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Under 15 Division.							
S. Melb. Utd.	12	11	1	0	70	9	22
Box Hill	12	11	1	0	54	17	22
Preston	12	8	3	1	36	24	17
Ringwood	13	6	6	1	48	25	13
Sunshine	13	5	6	2	38	16	12
Northcote	12	5	5	2	35	22	12
Brighton	13	4	6	3	24	16	11
West. Subs.	13	3	6	3	17	43	9
Sandringham	12	1	9	2	9	53	4
Park Rangers	12	1	11	0	5	111	2

NEXT SATURDAY'S GAMES.

First Division.

Bradford v. Prahran, at Footscray.
Brighton v. Moreland, at Hurlingham Park.
South Yarra v. West. Subs., at Fawkner Pk.
Sunshine Utd. v. Yallourn, at Sunshine Park.
Box Hill v. Park Rangers, at Surrey Park.

Second Division.

Hakoah J.R.C. v. Heidelberg, at Olympic Pk.
Sth. Melb. Utd. v. Preston, at Middle Park.
Sandringham City v. Olympic, at Hampton.
University v. Williamstown, at Princes Park.
Yarraville v. Ringwood, at Kingsville.

(First and Second Division Reserve games on opposite grounds.)

Third Division.

George Cross v. Juventus, at Royal Park.
Macedonians v. Fifers, at Yarra Park.
Metters v. Woodlands, at North Footscray.
Northcote v. Woodlands 'A', at Merri Park.
Y.C.W.M. v. Brighton, at Broadmeadows.

Under 19 Division.

Brighton v. Preston, at Hurlingham Park.
South Yarra v. West. Subs., at Fawkner Pk.
Box Hill v. Park Rangers, at Surrey Park.

Under 17 Division.

Bradford v. Sth. Melb. Utd., at Footscray.
Park Rangers v. Brighton, at Middle Park.
Sandringham City v. Metters, at Hampton.
Preston v. Ringwood, at Bell.
Sunshine Utd. v. Northcote, at Sunshine.

Under 15 Division.

Preston v. Park Rangers, at Bell.
Ringwood v. Sth. Melb. Utd., at Ringwood.
Box Hill v. West. Subs., at Surrey Park.
Brighton v. Northcote, at Hurlingham Park.

All Junior games on ground of first-named club.)

RESULTS OF LAST SATURDAY'S GAMES.

First Division.

Bradford drew with Park Rangers, 2-2.
Brighton d. Yallourn, 9-1.
Prahran d. West. Suburbs, 3-2.
South Yarra d. Moreland, 4-3.
Sunshine Utd. d. Box Hill, 3-1.

Second Division.

Hakoah J.R.C. d. Ringwood, 7-3
Sth. Melb. Utd. d. Williamstown, 4-0.
Heidelberg d. Olympic, 10-1.
Sandringham d. Preston, 5-1.
Yarraville d. University, 5-2.

Third Division.

George Cross d. Brighton, 11-2.
Y.C.W.M. d. Woodlands, 5-0
Macedonians d. Metters, 3-1.
Fifers drew with Northcote, 3-3
Juventus d. Box Hill, 11-0.

First Division Reserves.
Park Rangers d. Bradford, 4-0.
Brighton d. Yallourn, 3-0.
Prahran d. West. Subs., 4-0.
South Yarra d. Moreland, 4-1.
Box Hill d. Sunshine Utd., 9-0.

Second Division Reserves.
Hakoah J.R.C. d. Ringwood, 1-0
Sth. Melb. Utd. d. Williamstown, 4-2.
Olympic drew with Heidelberg, 1-1.
Sandringham d. Preston, 4-0.
Yarraville-University—Match not played.

Under 19 Division.
Yallourn d. Brighton 3-0.
Preston d. South Yarra, 6-0.
Park Rangers d. Hakoah J.R.C., 3-1.

Under 17 Division.
Sth. Melb. Utd. d. Preston, 7-2.
Coburg drew with Sunshine Utd., 0-0.
Park Rangers d. Metters, 2-0.

Under 15 Division.
Sth. Melb. Utd. d. Park Rangers, 14-0.
Ringwood d. Sandringham, 4-0.
Box Hill d. Brighton, 2-0.
Preston d. West. Subs., 9-2.
Northcote d. Sunshine Utd., 1-0.

HOW THEY FARED ON MAY 14th.

First Division.
Bradford d. Yallourn, 3-1.
Brighton d. Prahran, 5-1.
Moreland d. West. Subs., 3-0.
Park Rangers d. Sunshine Utd., 1-0.
Box Hill drew with South Yarra, 2-2.

Second Division.
Hakoah d. Williamstown, 9-0.
Sth. Melb. Utd. d. Heidelberg, 5-1.
Preston drew with Olympic, 2-2.
University d. Ringwood, 2-1.
Sandringham d. Yarraville, 4-0.

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JUNIOR INTERSTATE TRIALS.

Tomorrow, at Middle Park, the Junior Association will continue its Interstate Trials, with an Under 15 match at 1.30 p.m. and at 3 p.m. a combined Under 19 team will meet a combined Under 17 team.

Players of the Under 15 Grade, as under, are to report to Mr. Shingles at 1 p.m.:

Jarman, Smith, Dry (Northcote); Cullel, Orr, McCartney, Lea (Brighton); Hirst, Costello (Box Hill); Petherick, Hately, Calder (Sunshine); Kelly, McDonald, Miller, Davidson (Ringwood); James, Zeller (Sth. Melb.); Kinnersley, Purdon, Bishop (Metters); Cohen, Morse (Richmond Tech.); Gilson, Woods (West. Subs.); Thompson, Taylor, Dower, Ramsay (Preston); McIver (Preston Tech.); Heycroft (Sandringham).

Players of the Under 17 Grade, as under, are to report to Mr. Rickerly at 2 p.m.:

Pritchard, Dixon, Lee (Brighton); Cook, Stevenson, Gribbin (Sandringham); Marborough, Hill, Crosbie (Sunshine); McPherson (Park Rangers); Stott, Brooker, Gleave (Sth. Melb.); Hammer (Box Hill); Jeavons (Preston); Langley Metters); Patrick (Coburg).

Players of the Under 19, as under, are to report to Mr. Liefold at 2 p.m.:

Wookey, Williams, Gilchrist, Spencer (Preston); Weir, Farrow (Brighton); McBean, Tribe, Davis (West. Subs.); Barnett, Overell (Box Hill); Bader (Hakoah); Muirhead, Sullier (Park Rangers).

JUNIORS' INTER-ASSOCIATION CUP MATCH.

To-day, at Olympic Park, a Metropolitan Under 15 team will play the Central Gippsland Association, as a curtain-raiser to the second division game Heidelberg v. South Melbourne United. This game will commence at 1.15 p.m. and the following players are to report to Mr. Olsen outside Olympic Park gates at 12.45 p.m. sharp:

Goal, Jarman (Northcote); R.Back, Cullel (Brighton); L.Back, Hirst (Box Hill); R. Half, Petherick (Sunshine); C.Half, Ingleton (Box Hill); L.Half, Orr (Brighton); O.Right, McCartney (Brighton); I.Right, Hateley (Sunshine); C.Forward, Kelly (Ringwood); I.Left, James (Sth. Melb.); O.Left, Kinnersley (Metters). Reserves: Calder (Sunshine); Thompson (Preston); Smith, Dry (Northcote); Costello (Box Hill); Zeller (Sth. Melb.).

Letters to the Editor

STATE TRIALS.

The following players have been selected to appear at Olympic Park on Sunday, July 17, at 10 a.m. sharp:

Sinclair, Jack, Goode, Barr, McDougall, Ristick (Brighton); Gilbert, Kennedy, Hardman (Moreland); Holborn, McFeeters (Box Hill); Sharman, Stoddard (Sth. Yarra); Wilson, Waite, Highett (Park Rangers); Carroll (Juventus); Callaja, B. (George Cross); Tainsh (Sth. Melb.); Drennan (Sunshine); Daly (Bradford); White (Sandringham).

A. Kerr, Chairman State Selectors.

MORE EXPERIENCE.

Since coming out from England I have attended and supported the Park Rangers' games at Middle Park, most of which I have thoroughly enjoyed. Recently, however, I have detected a certain amount of dirty play creeping into their game. The chief sinner appears to be the inside-left, who would benefit his team more by trying to play a good clean game for a change. I also think their captain could do with a bit more experience before tackling the captaincy of a team.

J. E. ("Napper") Thompson, St. Kilda.

UNFOUNDED ACCUSATIONS.

On behalf of the Melbourne University Soccer Club, I feel that the unfounded accusations directed against the club in the July 6 issue of the Sporting Globe should not be allowed to go unchallenged. Such remarks, and the obvious hostility behind them, could do a great deal of harm to a relatively new club struggling to achieve permanence.

The match referred to by the writer was postponed only after full consideration by the committee of the club. It must be realised that, so far as transport is concerned, we are in a completely different position to a local club. Our players are scattered over many suburbs, and the hiring of some form of transport to pick up individual players would obviously be beyond our limited financial resources. In this connection, it is worthy of note that we are debarred, because of our association with the University, from adopting most of the methods used by other clubs to raise money.

The allegation by the reporter that the club is interested in league matches only as a means of training for inter-University contests, is purely arbitrary assumption. The club was started before these annual carnivals were even suggested, by people who felt that a strong University club could contribute greatly towards the players of Soccer in Victoria, as has been the case in other fields of amateur sport. In any case, these carnivals, as the only senior interstate soccer matches in which Victoria is at present participating, are to be encouraged rather than decried. In addition, the fact that many members of our senior team will not be taking part in this year's interstate matches, indicates that for them, at least, the league and cup competition is of great interest.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate that reporting with such a personal bias is not good for Victorian Soccer.

K. Gravell, Melbourne University.

SOCCER BEFORE AUSTRALIAN RULES.

In reply to A. E. Hearn's letter ("Soccer News," July 2) I am beginning to suspect that "Soccer News" is being used to boost Australian Rules. However, the thought pleases because it shows fear among the Australian Rules followers that Soccer is liable to gain ground.

First we had "Observer," in June 18 issue, covering up his propaganda by saying Australian Rules Football officials have no objection to Soccer. Try and get it in the schools and the proof of that mistatement comes out.

Now we have correspondent A. E. Hearn giving advice right from his heart (but not before writing his piece on Australian Rules) on how to improve Soccer—his qualifications being one game last season and one game this season. I think the Soccer authorities are capable or running their own game.

I feel the Soccer Association know where their greatest handicaps are—L.s.d. is the main one, and the support lost to the game by those like A.E.H., who deserted Soccer when the difficulties began to creep in. The crowd complex got most of them following Australian Rules. Of course, everyone is allowed to please himself what game he follows, but why do some not have praise for the stalwarts who have stuck by the game.

Association, players and referees are doing a

good job, and I know some of the obstacles they are up against. In the schoolboy stage most of them have to battle against prejudice, and weight of opinion even in their own homes and from school teachers. In the junior stage the boys have at the most one person with the patience to try and coach them through the difficult stage.

When most juniors have never seen first-class sides in action it is creditable to Australian youth that they reach the class they do.

On the question of referees the Association is still short of them, so why discourage the ones who are game enough to try and officiate.

The Soccer Association is doing a grand job. They are a small band of hard workers, some making use of practically all spare time and also being financially out of pocket. A. E. Hearn and others should think before judging anyone as unsporting, unless first knowing the facts.

Bill Bowman, Deer Park.

SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

The Secretary of the Association (Mr. A. Mackie) this week tendered his resignation to the Council. I consider the time opportune for me as Assistant Secretary to pay a tribute to Alec.

Few people know just how much work is necessary to keep Soccer going in Victoria and I can honestly say that not many Soccer fans would have devoted the time to the game that Mr. Mackie has. In all our workings together I have been given a free hand by Alec and I owe not a little to him for passing on his knowledge of the game.

Soccer is gathering a large following in Victoria due to the efforts of some men. Mr. Mackie must rank high in the list. All Soccer enthusiasts will join me in thanking Alec for his work in the past and I sincerely hope that his experience will be used to further the game in Victoria.

S. Beaton, Assistant Secretary.

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ABSENT REFEREE.

The game between Metters v. Macedonians, at North Footscray, resulted in a win for Macedonians by 3 goals to 1. As no Referee turned up a spectator offered his services, and what a grand job he did. His shrewd old eye missed nothing, but it cost him a lot of energy in keeping up with the fast play. Many of the older players and Soccer followers will remember him—J. Anderson. Thanked for his services after the game, he said it was a pleasure and that if he had a younger pair of legs he wouldn't mind.

CRITICISM OF REFEREE.

In reply to S. Thompson, Ivanhoe (Soccer News, 9/7/49), on Metters v. Y.C.W.M., that a report of the game was sent to the Secretary of the Association (Mr. Mackie) as well as what was published in Soccer News, and that the player ordered-off and Metters Club were up before the Rough Play Committee, we admitted that we were beaten by a better team. The incident which Mr. Thompson is referring to—well, both the player and the club have taken their penalty.

Can anything be done about Referees and Clubs getting together and teaching the Laws and Rules of the game to some of our young players?

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLBOYS' SOCCER CARNIVAL.

Commencing Saturday, July 30, a Schoolboys' Soccer Carnival is to be held in Melbourne. An appeal is made for accommodation for the boys from Tasmania, Queensland, South Australia and New South Wales, who will be arriving here on Thursday, July 28, and departing to their home States on Monday, Aug. 5.

This matter is urgent, as accommodation is required for approximately 64 boys. Clubs are asked to do their utmost to find billets, and to let the Secretary of the Junior Association know as early as possible the number that they can accommodate. Mr. J. A. Olsen, 314 Inkerman Street, East St. Kilda, S.2. Phone, LB 1444.

Funds are required for carnival expenses. Donations from senior clubs and individual members, whether big or small, will be very much appreciated, and will be acknowledged through these columns.

REGAINS THIRD PLACE.

Hakoah J.R.C. met Ringwood last week at Olympic Park. The visitor, having the same points, made strong efforts to capture the third position on the premiership ladder. Ringwood won the toss and kicked with the wind. The first goal was scored by Albert Meyer, who showed excellent ball control. Goal No. 2 came from K. Maelerischel, who broke through on his own. He also scored the third goal in the same manner. Ringwood scored 2 goals before half tme. After half time Meyer scored again twice and Maelerischel once. The third goal by Ringwood was a beautiful head goal. Outside right I. Reisberg completed the score for Hakoah when he winged a ball into the Ringwood goal, which tricked the keeper. Final score: Hakoah J.R.C. 7, Ringwood 3.

After the game players of both teams, committee of Hakoah and supporters gathered in the dressing room to congratulate our inside-right, Max Kopstein, and to present him with a wedding present on behalf of Hakoah J.R.C.

Our Reserves went out to Ringwood and won by 1 goal to nil. Outside right, Feldspicer, kicked the winning goal.

SURPRISE OPENING.

The South Yarra-Moreland game opened with a surprise, South Yarra scoring in the first 30 seconds without a Moreland player touching the ball. The goal was scored by Stoddart, from a cross by Sharman. Moreland, playing with the wind, soon pinned South Yarra down and it was no surprise when Moreland equalised. Still keeping up attack, Moreland went ahead with good work on their right-wing. Warra were handicapped by the wind. Just before half time Moreland got their third goal.

With the wind in their favour, Yarra soon got into stride and with Stoddart following up he got his second goal for Yarra. The wind definitely spoiled the game. Moreland's defence was overworked and Stoddart got the third goal from a penalty. Still keeping up the attack, Sharp was unlucky, when the ball bounced along the crossbar with Moreland's goalie well beaten. Moreland tried hard but found the wind troublesome and about ten minutes from time, Stoddart put Yarra ahead, through good work on Yarra's right wing. South Yarra 4, Moreland 3.

South Yarra Reserves had another good win against Moreland Reserves, 4-1.

AT JAMES PARK.

Olympic were the visitors to James Park, and the Bergs took the lead in the first few minutes, following good combination, to which Peachman added the finishing touch; as a result of further good work and accurate feeding by Conlin and Williams, the forwards completed the job by adding 5 more to the total, bringing the score at half time to 6 goals to 0.

After the interval, Olympic made a change in goal—a very wise move, but despite the keeper's clever display, the locals added 4 more to the tally. Sound defence could not prevent Olympic reducing the arrears in the closing stages. Final score: Heidelberg 10, Olympic 1.

The Reserves did well, with only 9 men available, owing to transport difficulties, to bring back a point from Olympic. Good work, boys! Result: Olympic 1, Heidelberg 1.

MAKING AMENDS.

Park Rangers' Reserves made amends for their previous week's defeat by Brighton, by defeating Bradford Reserves, who played one man short. The tactics employed by Bradford were good under the circumstances, but Rangers were not to be put off and half time saw them leading by 2 goals to nil. The second half was a replica of the first, with the wind playing some queer tricks, but Rangers ran out comfortable winners 4 goals to nil. Scorers were Howieson, Hughes, A. Nelson and James Wilson (1 each). The Under 17 team beat Metters by shrewd moves in the first half against the wind. Metters were caught offside no less than fourteen times in the first half, in which no scoring took place. The second half saw a vast improvement all round but the wind aided Rangers to the extent of two nice goals; the final scores being Rangers 2, Metters nil.

TEST CAPTAIN VICE-PRESIDENT.

The City Club, adhering to its policy of going for the big men of the district for support, has elected Lindsay Hassett, Australian Cricket Captain, as Vice-President—a position he has accepted with much pleasure.

The Club has had a wonderful response from local business men—also some beautiful trophies presented.

The Sandringham Council—100 per cent. behind the Club—has promised a fence around the ground in the near future.

Players please note that from Wednesday, July 20, 1949, any player who does not attend training ready to train, will not be eligible for selection, except in the case of a good excuse.

The first team, with a few changes (Finney taking Walton's place, and Jack Reid taking Don Bingham's) proved too good for Preston and ran out easy winners—Bob Lomax again getting the hat-trick, and Parvn scoring two lovely goals. The win keeps Sandringham at the top of the league with 5 games to play.

The Reserves coasted along to defeat Preston, Bennett scoring 2 and Stevens 2. Joe Walton and D. Thompson were outstanding.

ROUGH PLAY AND PROTEST COMMITTEE

On Thursday, July 7, representatives of the Metters Club came before the Rough Play and Protest Committee to answer the charge th they walked off the field and abandoned the game with Y.C.W.M. half an hour before time.

The Committee, being unsatisfied with the reasons supplied by Metters, imposed a penalty of suspension of one week, the sentence to be held in suspension indefinitely at the discretion of the Committee.

The Committee takes a serious view of this offence and any club committing a similar one will need a good reason for doing so.

While the penalty imposed on Metters may seem harsh, the Committee wishes to make it clear that it has the power to suspend indefinitely any club and to close its ground. Should a club abandon a match during the course of play without the sanction of the Referee it may thereby forfeit its chances of promotion or ensure its own relegation.

In reply to Mr. Sutherland's well-intentioned remarks on the cancellation of the South Melbourne Reserves and Hakoah Reserves game on June 11 (to be replayed later) and his suggestion that the referee has been overridden by the Rough Play and Protests Committee, the facts are as follows:—At an enquiry into this game, Referee Mason appeared before this Committee and brought with him the spectator (who happened to be his own son) who kicked the ball into the Hakoah goal.

Referee Mason admitted having made a serious mistake and considered that he had done an injustice to the Hakoah side. His request that this be taken into consideration by the Committee could not be ignored and the Committee had no option but to rule that the game be replayed.

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